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SUBJECT: GENERAL COMMITTEE GUIDANCE (SEPT 17): NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND CONFLICT

Classified By: IO PDAS James Warlick. Reason 1.4 (b) and (d).

[¶1.](#) (U) Following is guidance on a supplementary item proposed for inclusion in the 63rd session of the UNGA: "Natural Resources and Conflict." Guidance is for the September 17 General Committee meeting.

[¶2.](#) (SBU) The proposed item is based on Belgium's prior sponsorship of a June 25 Security Council debate on the same subject. Belgium will not introduce a resolution or propose follow-on steps. Rather, Belgium will call for a "non-polarizing" discussion of relevant issues in the General Assembly, including a reference to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and African resources issues.

[¶3.](#) (C) The Russian Federation has opposed this agenda item and has reconfirmed its opposition during a Belgium demarche in Moscow. France (as EU President) and the UK plan to make strong statements in support.

[¶4.](#) (SBU) In addressing this proposed agenda item, USUN should:

-- Join consensus for or, if the Mission must vote in the GC on whether to inscribe this item, vote "yes."  
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